

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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CONLEY APPOINTED AS JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

On March 25, 2010, President Barack Obama appointed William M. Conley as district judge of the Western District of Wisconsin to succeed Chief Judge Barbara B. Crabb, who announced her intention to take senior status in March 2009. . Conley was selected from a list of six individuals recommended for consideration by the 11-member Federal Nominating Commission

Before his appointment, Conley, 53, was a partner at Foley & Lardner LLP, where he was a commercial litigator concentrating on distribution, antitrust, constitutional and regulatory matters while maintaining an active civil and criminal pro bono practice. A native of Rice Lake, Wisconsin, Conley obtained his law degree, *cum laude*, in 1982 from the University of Wisconsin Law School, where he served as articles editor of the *Wisconsin Law Review*. Before joining Foley in 1984, Conley clerked for the Hon. Thomas E. Fairchild on the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Senior Judge Crabb continues to maintain a full caseload.